

SOLEMN SERVICES IN MANY CHURCHES

Palm Sunday, Among Most Sacred Days in Religious Year, Observed.

WILL BE FOLLOWED
WITH HOLY WEEK

Special Observances to Mark Season in All Denominations.

The entry of Christ, the Messiah, into Jerusalem, was commemorated today—the first day of Holy Week—in the Palm Sunday service of every Christian church in Washington.

Announcements from many pulpits betokened the preparations being made for the observance of the most notable seven days in the church calendar.

Special services of prayer, in commemoration of the days the great prophet, will be held in practically all the churches of the Capital until they are brought to an end by the outpouring of sang that commemorates His resurrection on Easter morn.

The closing week of Lent is generally observed more rigidly in Washington than in any other American city, probably because of the large proportion of Catholic and Episcopal congregations here, and this year promises to be no exception.

Social Calendar Blank.

The social calendar for the coming week is a blank—even the informal teas and afternoon receptions which marked the earlier Lent having been abandoned as the final week of devotion drew near.

Servants every night in the week, except on Saturday, and exercises both morning and evening on Good Friday, are on the schedule for most Washington churches.

Today the observance began with the Palm Sunday services, generally the most elaborate of the church year, save those planned for Easter morning.

On the streets after noon today could be seen men, women and children going to their homes, carrying the palms that are distributed in Catholic churches to symbolize the day.

Symbolic Services at St. Patrick's.

The Holy Week services are considered the most solemn and beautiful in the liturgy of the Catholic church. At St. Patrick's this morning, after the distribution of the palms, a procession of sanctuary boys, the vested choir, the priests and students of Holy Cross College, and the Rev. Father, proceeded to represent the triumphal entry of the Christ into Jerusalem on the day when His people strewed palm branches in His path.

The sidewalks on both sides of Tenth street were lined with a crowd that heard the choir sing praises to the Christ. Following that anthem the church doors were opened and the procession marched up the aisle to the altar and the celebration of solemn high mass began.

In the mass sung at St. Patrick's and in other Catholic churches the history of the sufferings of the Master were chanted. Three priests took part, one representing Christ, another the narrator and a third Pilate. At St. Patrick's the sanctuary choir sang the part of the mob.

In Protestant Churches.

In dozens of Protestant churches "The Psalms" was sung and other appropriate anthems given. Sermons were usually brief and in many churches were dispensed with in order to give full time to the choir.

Confirmation classes were received into many Protestant churches according to the yearly custom. Members of these classes will attend Holy Week services and will take their first communion on Easter Sunday morning.

Special Easter liturgies were sung in many Episcopal churches. At St. Patrick's the church of the celebration of solemn high mass was the Rev. Dr.

WINNING FAME IN ART



MRS. HARRY PAYNE WHITNEY.

MRS. HARRY PAYNE WHITNEY decided to go in for art two years ago. She has the satisfaction of contributing to the spring exhibition in New York the most striking bit of sculpture exhibited there. It is a group done in the style of Rodin entitled "Paganism Immortal."

William T. Russell, assisted by a deacon and subdeacons from Holy Cross College. A five-minute sermon was preached by the Rev. William J. Carroll after the chanting of "The Passion."

This evening the mixed choir will sing Dubois' arrangement of the "Seven Last Words," and the Rev. Thomas T. McGowan will explain the words. The evening service will close with the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

At St. Aloysius Church.

The blessing of the palms took place at St. Aloysius Church at 9:15 o'clock and was followed by the procession of the choir and clergy. At 11 o'clock solemn high mass was sung, with the Rev. Walter Dwight, S. J., as celebrant.

"The Passion" was chanted by the Rev. M. A. O'Kane, S. J. A special mass for men was celebrated at 7 o'clock this morning.

Impressive services were held at St. Paul's, where three Paulist students chanted "The Passion." The choir was augmented by other Paulist seminarians from St. Thomas College. They also assisted at the tenebrae services. The Rev. William H. Keichman was celebrant and the Rev. Thomas A. Walsh deacon.

At the House of Dominican students at Catholic University, "The Passion" was chanted according to long standing custom. In the evenings this week the students will assist at St. Dominic's Church, and in the afternoons of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, tenebrae will be chanted.

Paulist Fathers Busy.

Paulist fathers of the mission house have a busy week laid out for them. Some of them will assist in services here while others will go out of town.

The Rev. Alexander P. Doyle, C. S. P., the rector, will go to New York, where he will deliver the Easter sermon at St. Columba's Church; the Rev. T. D. Hayden, C. S. P., will preach at St. Jerome's, Baltimore; the Rev. Father Sherman will assist in the services at Parkland, Md.; the Rev. Father Brennan will give the sermon at West End, Va.; the Rev. Father Maud will preach in Catonsville, Md.; and the Rev. Father Scumey will assist at St. Mary's Church, Fifth and G streets, and deliver the Easter sermon in German.

The German Catholics of Washington

SPECIAL SERVICES MARK HOLY WEEK

Georgetown Churches of Several Denominations Will Observe the Season.

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GEORGETOWN, MARCH 20, 1910.

In all the local churches this week will be observed as Holy Week, and special exercises, commemorative of the occasion, will be held. The observance this year is more general than ever, and is not confined to the Catholic and Episcopal churches, as heretofore, but includes the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Lutheran denominations as well.

At the West Street Presbyterian Church there will be special preaching services on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights, and on the latter night the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

Special services will be held every evening of the week at Eldbrook M. E. Church, on the Murdock Mill road, Tenleytown, commencing at 7:30 p. m. At the morning service today Palm Sunday was observed, and this evening there will be a service of song, while the sermon will be "A Day of Triumph." The subjects at the services this week will be as follows: Monday, "A Day of Judgment," Tuesday, "A Day of Speech," Wednesday, "A Day of Silence," Thursday, "A Day of Farewell," Friday, "A Day of Suffering."

The week will be specially observed at Trinity Catholic Church, Thirty-sixth and O streets. The Jesuits and scholastics of Georgetown University will chant the office of the tenebrae on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings. There will be no service on Wednesday night, but Thursday a Friday outside speakers will be present. The morning services Thursday, Friday, and Saturday will be according to the church ritual, and Friday afternoon the stations of the way of the cross will be read.

Special services will be held at the Congress Street M. P. Church on Thursday and Friday evenings of this week, at which special preachers will speak. The music for the occasion will be furnished by the new choir of the church, which, though but recently organized, has attained a high degree of proficiency.

Every day of the week at 10 a. m., except Friday, there will be special services at St. John's Church, with holy communion, and in the afternoons at 5 o'clock there will also be prayers. The service of the three hours will be held from noon to 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, and on Saturday at 5 p. m. there will be baptism and evensong.

Lawrence Poling will lead this evening at the meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of the West Street Presbyterian Church. The services will commence at 8:30 o'clock, the topic being, "Money, A Curse or a Blessing."

At the Georgetown Lutheran Church special services will be held Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of next week, being conducted by the pastor, Rev. Luther Hess Waring.

Rev. Edwin Wallace, of Bellefonte, Pa., conducted the services this morning at Peak Memorial Chapel, Twenty-eighth and M streets. He will preach this evening, and remain over for the services Easter Sunday.

"I Thirst," the fifth in the special series on "The Voice From Calvary," will be the subject of the discourse this evening at the West Street Presbyterian Church, to be delivered by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. James T. Marshall. The

SWIMMING POOL OPENED TO BOYS OF THE DISTRICT

Instruction Will Be Given Free by Experts at Young Men's Christian Association Tank for a Week, Beginning Monday, March 28.

Arrangements have been completed at the Y. M. C. A. for holding a "water week," commencing Monday, March 28. Any Washington boy may have the free use of the big swimming pool in the Y. M. C. A. building for half an hour each day during that week, and who are known to be experts.

All that is necessary for the boys to do to take advantage of the offer is to furnish the written consent of their parents, and to undergo a physical examination. Officials of the association who have been arranging the feature, contend that if there is a physically fit boy in Washington between the ages of twelve and seventeen years, by the end of "water week" who does not know how to swim, it will not be the fault of the Y. M. C. A.

Harry W. Long and Chase Taylor, of the staff of athletic instructors of the association, will be in charge of the instruction work. They will be assisted by Prof. Long's life saving class, all expert swimmers. The greatest care will be taken to guard against accidents.

Prof. Long contends that any ordinary boy can learn how to swim in the course of a week and he proposes to make a good swimmer of every boy who is turned over to him for instruction during "water week." The schedule arranged for the instruction is 9:30 a. m. to 11; 5 p. m. to 5:45, and 7 p. m. to 8. There will be two instructors always on hand for each section of the schedule.

The various strokes used in swimming, fancy diving, and floating will be demonstrated to the boys. Especial attention will be given to teaching saving persons from drowning.

Although the "water week" proposition has been under discussion for only a short time, a large number of boys already are showing interest in the plan and the officials are hopeful for a great demand from boys to join the classes.

ARCTIC TRAVELER CONFIRMS PEARY

That he made more than forty miles a day on dog sleds for eleven consecutive days was cited by A. T. Leith, of Washington, when he appeared before the members of the Wisconsin Republican Club in G. A. R. Hall and supported Commander Peary's figures.

Mr. Leith declared last evening there was nothing in Commander Peary's records to stretch the imagination and cited experience of himself and his brother, Prof. Leith, of the State University of Wisconsin, who have traveled extensively in Arctic regions, to bear this out.

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TAYLOR MAY OPPOSE GOVERNOR HARMON

CLEVELAND, March 16.—Harmon against Judge R. W. Taylor is the line-up for the coming gubernatorial battle in Ohio, according to the prediction of James R. Garfield, former Secretary of the Interior, who is himself among those mentioned as Governor Harmon's next opponent.

Mr. Garfield's prediction was made at the banquet of the Nisi Prius Club last night.

Judge Taylor was formerly a member of Congress. He retired voluntarily several years ago and later accepted a Federal judgeship from President Roosevelt.

TO EXPLAIN HOUSE FIGHT.

An outline of the parliamentary issues involved in the struggle in Congress between the regulars and insurgents will be given tomorrow morning before the "Current Events Class," at Raucher's, Miss Janet Richards will be the speaker.

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